

A DOUBLE-CATEGORICAL APPROACH  
TO LENSES  
VIA ALGEBRAIC WEAK FACTORISATION SYSTEMS

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# MOTIVATION

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## Double categories

- horizontal
- vertical



## Lenses

- forwards
- backwards



Bourke &  
Garner ('16)

## AWFS

- left coalgebras
- right algebras



Johnson,  
Rosebrugh,  
& Wood  
( '10, '12, '13)

# OVERVIEW OF THE TALK

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1. Examples of lenses (with laws)

4. Basics of double categories

2. Basics of AWFS

5. The R-algebras of an **AWFS** are vertical morphisms of a **double cat.**

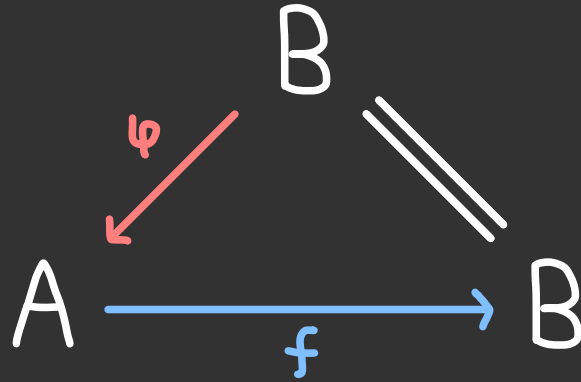
3. **Lenses** are the R-algebras, or right class, of an **AWFS**

6. **Lenses** are vert. morphisms in the right-connected completion of a **double cat.**

# SPLIT EPIMORPHISMS

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- A **split epimorphism** is a **morphism** with a chosen **section**.



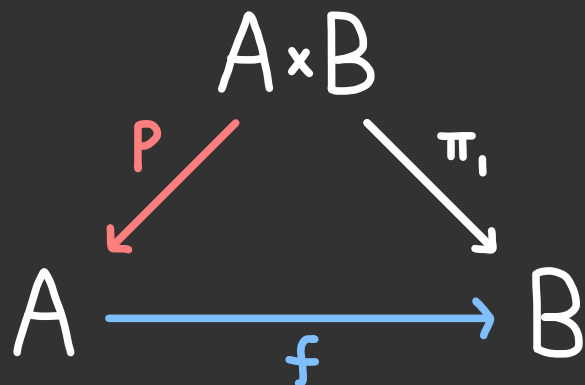
- The **free split epimorphism** is constructed using coproducts.



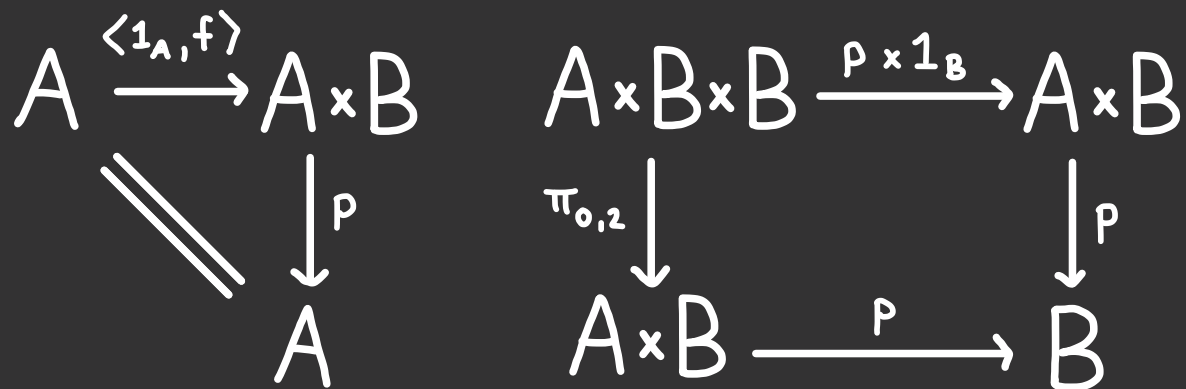
# CLASSICAL LENSES

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- A **classical lens** is a **GET morphism** together with a **PUT morphism**



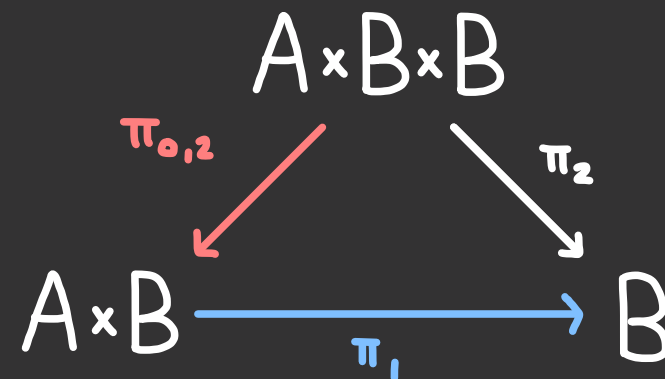
such that the following commute.



- The **free classical lens** is given by the product projection.

$$A \xrightarrow{f} B$$

$\Downarrow$



# SPLIT OPFIBRATIONS

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- A **split opfibration** is a functor with a **splitting**, i.e. a choice of lifts

$$\begin{array}{ccc} A & a & \xrightarrow{\varphi(a,u)} a' \\ f \downarrow & \vdots & \vdots \\ B & fa & \xrightarrow{u} b \end{array}$$

such that the following axioms hold.

- $\varphi(a, 1_{fa}) = 1_a$
- $\varphi(a, v \circ u) = \varphi(a', v) \circ \varphi(a, u)$
- $\varphi(a, u)$  is **opcartesian**.

- The **free split opfibration** on a functor  $f: A \rightarrow B$  is given by the comma category projection.

$$\begin{array}{c} f/1_B \\ \begin{array}{ccc} fa & \xrightarrow{f(1_a)} & fa \\ w \downarrow & & \downarrow u \circ w \\ b & \xrightarrow{u} & b' \end{array} \\ \pi_B \downarrow \\ B \quad \boxed{b \xrightarrow{u} b'} \end{array}$$

# DELTA LENSES

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- A **delta lens** is a **functor** equipped with a **lifting operation**

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} A & a & \xrightarrow{\varphi(a,u)} & a' \\ f \downarrow & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ B & fa & \xrightarrow{u} & b \end{array}$$

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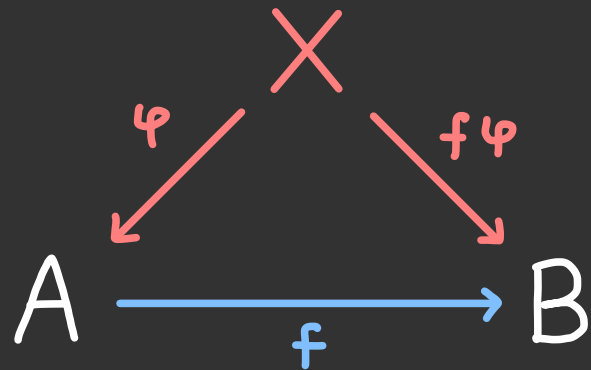
- $\varphi(a, 1_{fa}) = 1_a$
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- ~~3.  $\varphi(a, u)$  is **opcartesian**.~~

- The **free delta lens** on a functor  $f: A \rightarrow B$  is given by ... ???

# DELTA LENSES (2<sup>ND</sup> ATTEMPT)

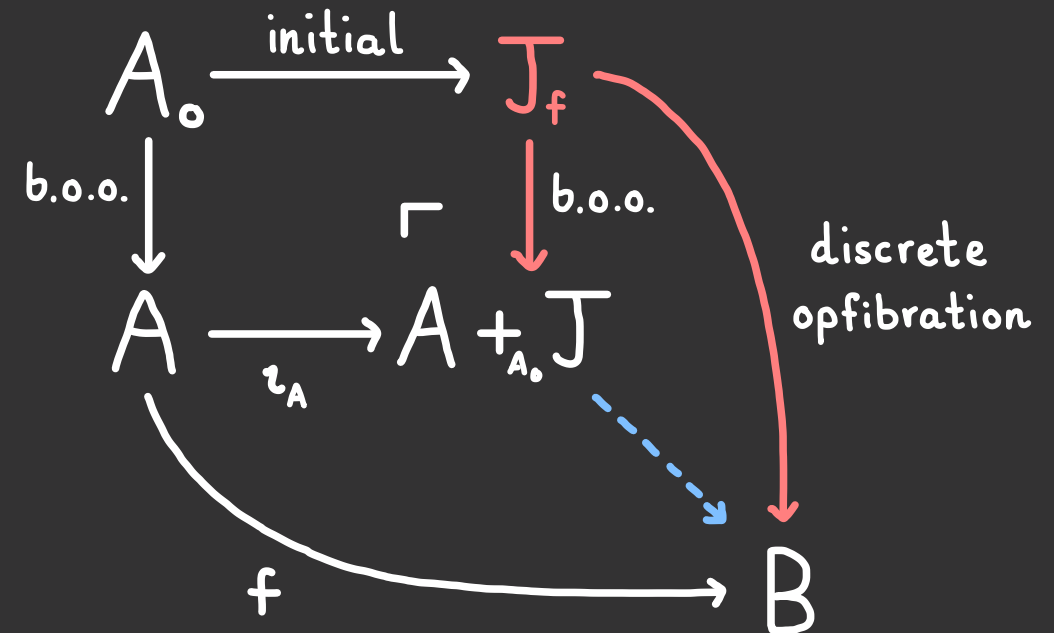
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- A **delta lens** is a compatible functor and **cofunctor**, i.e. a diagram



such that  $\varphi$  is **bijective-on-objects** and  $f\varphi$  is a **discrete opfibration**.

- The **free delta lens** on a functor  $f:A \rightarrow B$  is constructed using the comprehensive factorisation and pushouts along b.o.o. functors



# LENSES SUMMARY

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- A "lens" has a **forwards** component and a **backwards** component.
- Several examples including:
  - split epimorphisms;
  - classical lenses;
  - split opfibrations;
  - delta lenses.
- Lenses are **morphisms** equipped with **algebraic structure**.

- Each kind of lens is an **algebra** of a **monad**  $R$  on  $Sq(\mathcal{C}) = \mathcal{C}^2$  over the codomain functor  $\text{cod}: Sq(\mathcal{C}) \rightarrow \mathcal{C}$ .
- Each morphism **factors** through a <sup>free</sup><sub>^</sub> lens.

$$\begin{array}{ccc} A & \xrightarrow{\eta_f} & \bullet \\ f \downarrow & & \downarrow Rf \\ B & \xlongequal{\quad} & B \end{array}$$

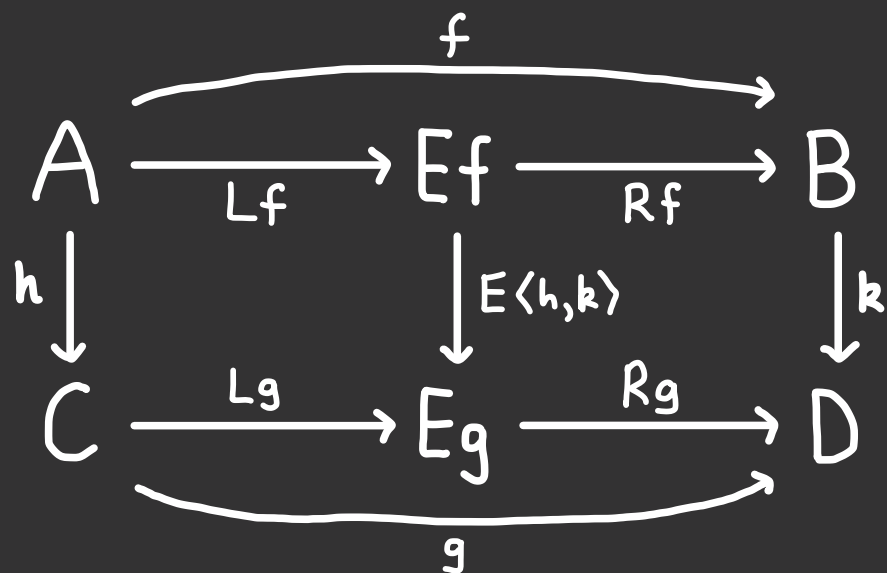
- How do we **compose** lenses?

# A BRIEF INTRODUCTION TO AWFS

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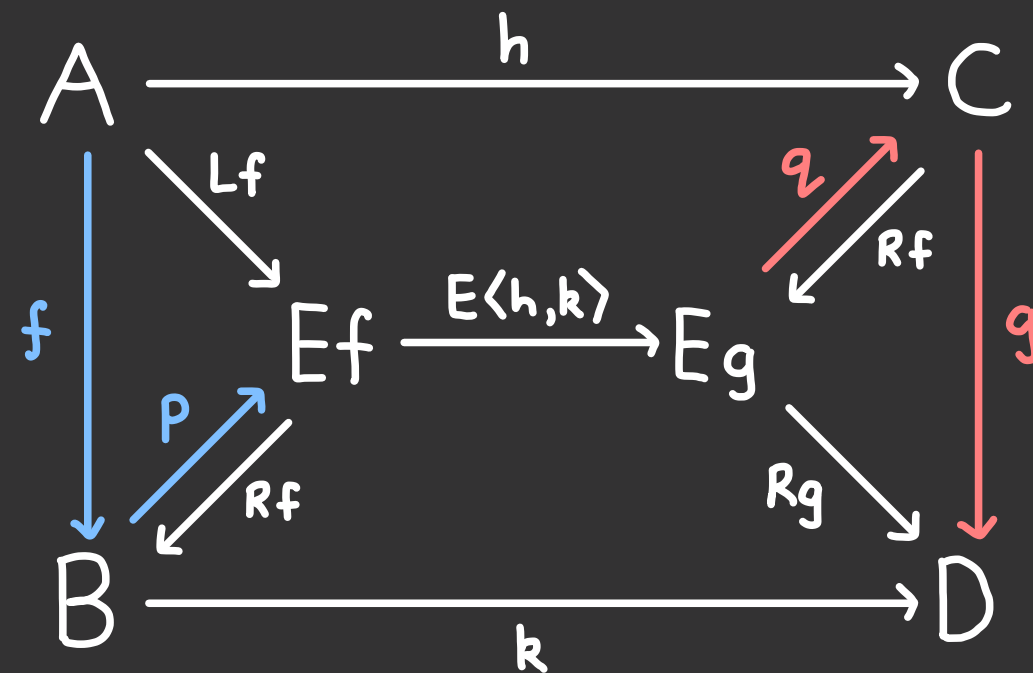
- An **algebraic weak factorisation system** on  $\mathcal{C}$  consists of:

- A functorial factorisation  $(L, E, R)$ :



- Comonad  $(L, \epsilon, \Delta)$  & monad  $(R, \eta, \mu)$
- Distributive law  $\delta: LR \Rightarrow RL$ .

- Given an **L-coalgebra**  $(f, p)$  and an **R-algebra**  $(g, q)$  and a square



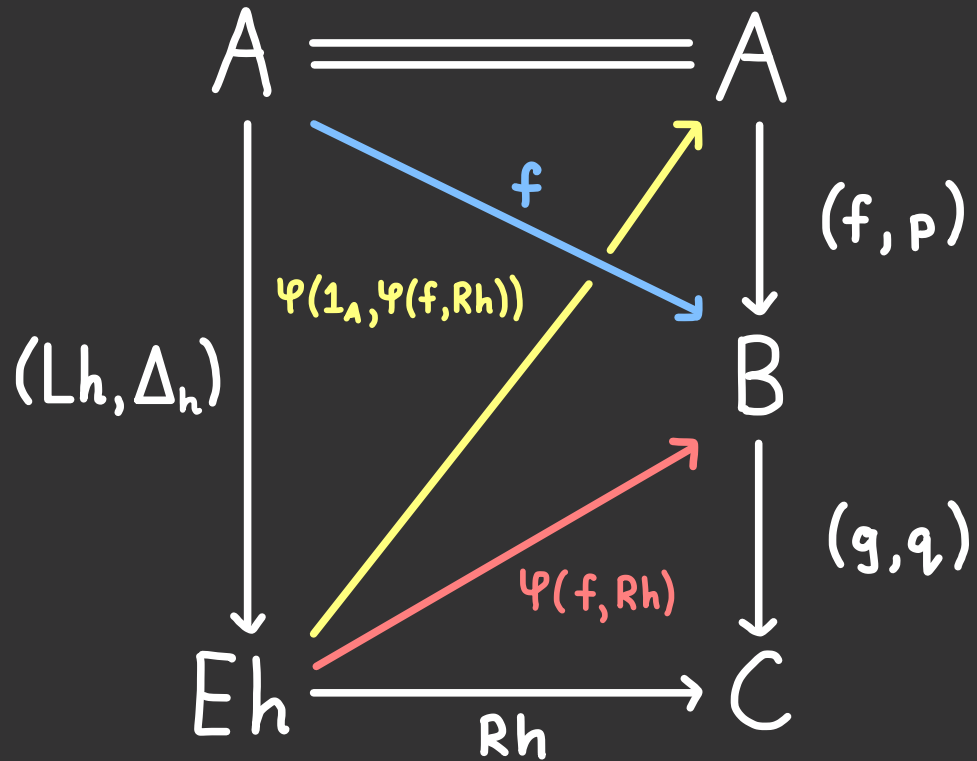
there is a canonical diagonal filler.

$$\varphi_{f,g}(h, k) = q \circ E\langle h, k \rangle \circ p : B \rightarrow C$$

# COMPOSING R-ALGEBRAS VIA LIFTING

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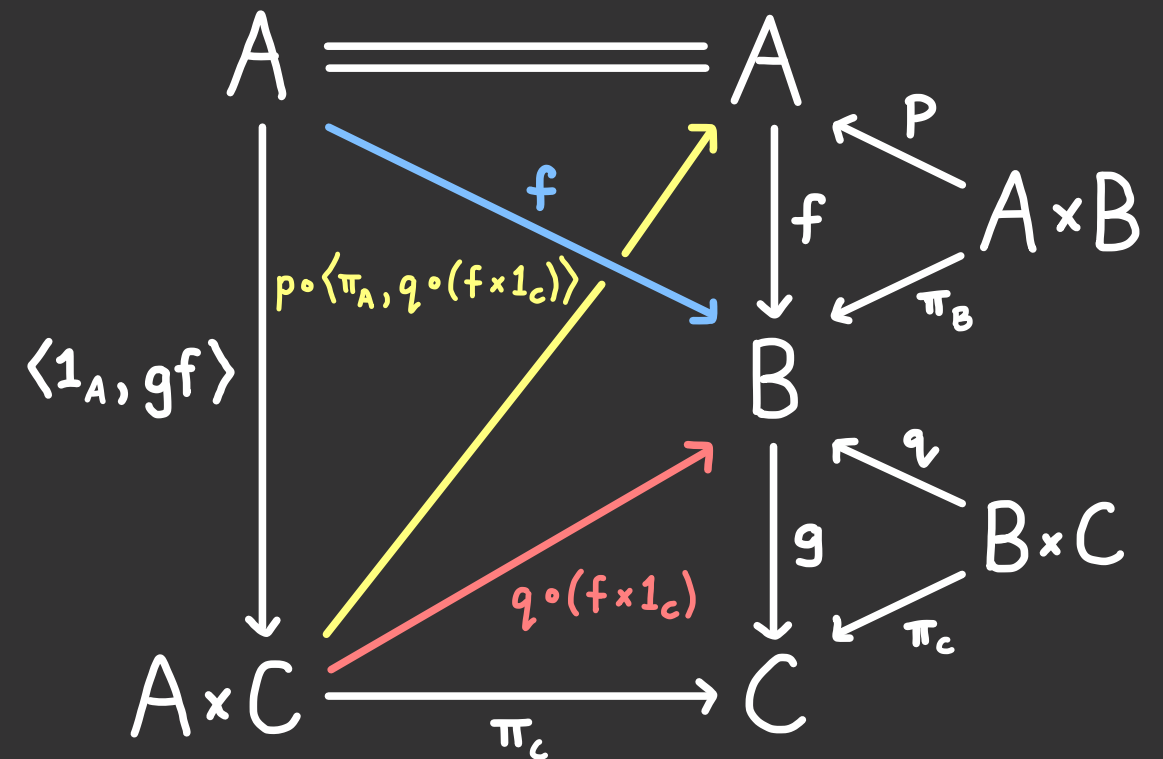
- We may compose R-algebras:



- The **composite** R-algebra on  $h = gf$  is:

$$\psi(1_A, \psi(f, Rh)): Eh \longrightarrow A$$

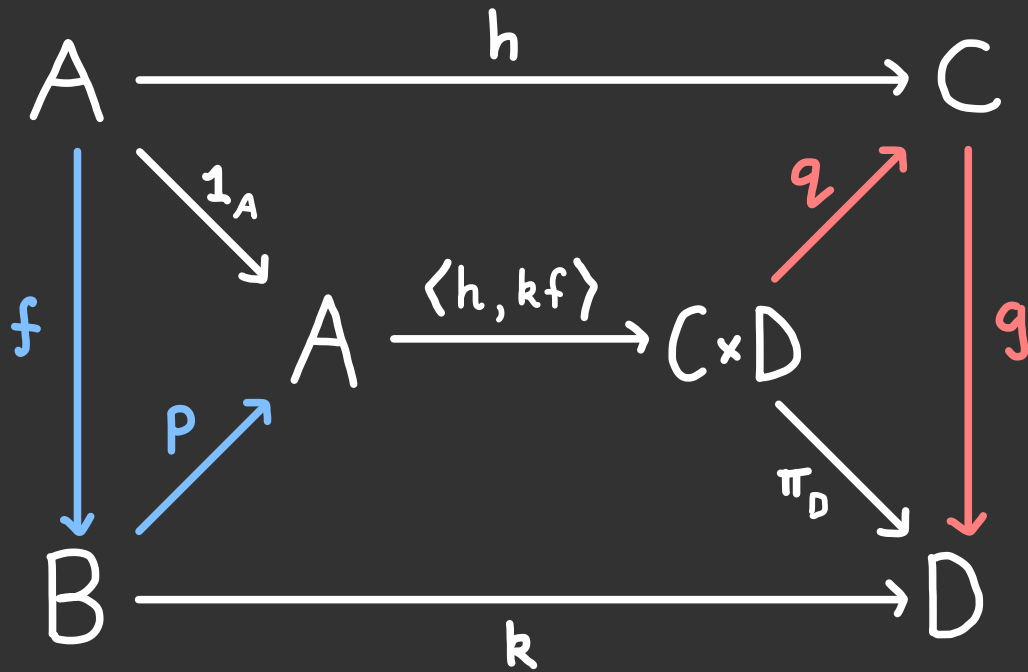
- Example: composition of classical lenses as R-algebras.



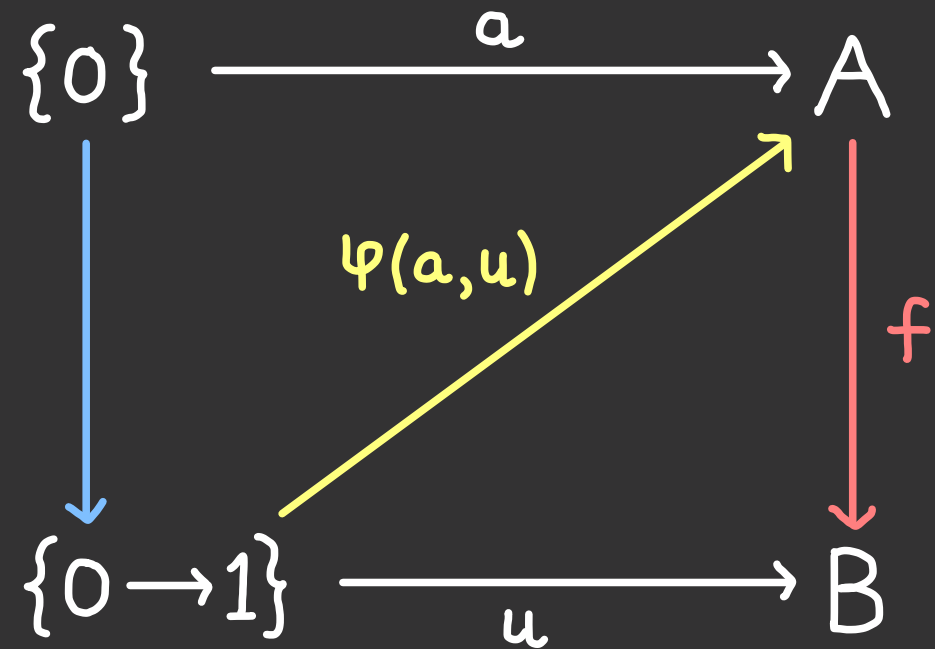
# LENSES & LIFTING

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- Classical lenses admit lifts against split monomorphisms:

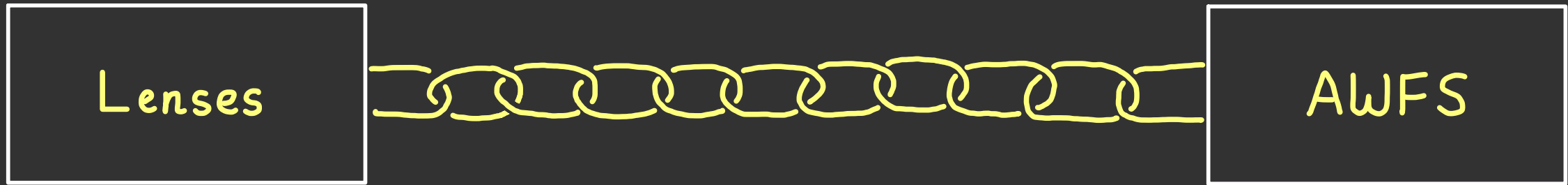


- Split opfibrations admit lifts against LARI functors. For example:

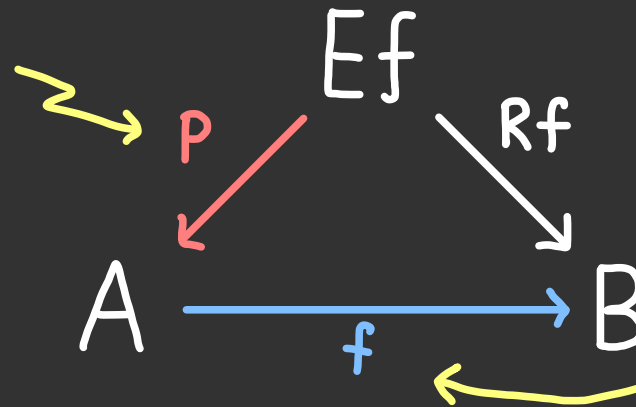


# LENSES & AWFS

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backwards component =  
algebra structure



forwards component =  
underlying morphism

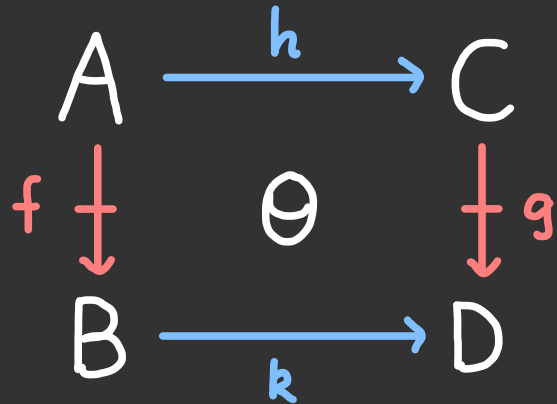
- BIG IDEA: Lenses are R-algebras for an AWFS.
- We have morphisms of lenses, sequential composition of lenses, and chosen lifts against L-coalgebras.

# DOUBLE CATEGORIES

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A **double category**  $\mathcal{D}$  consists of:

- objects  $A, B, C, \dots$
- **horizontal** morphisms  $\bullet \longrightarrow \bullet$
- **vertical** morphisms  $\bullet \downarrow \bullet$
- cells

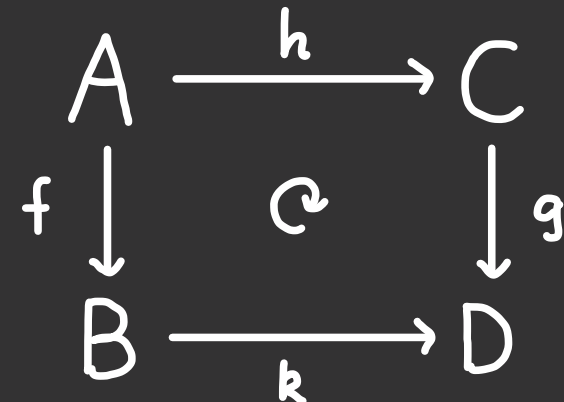


which compose horizontally & vertically.

- A **double category** is a category object in  $\mathbf{CAT}$ :

$$\begin{array}{ccccc}
 & \xleftarrow{\text{dom}} & & \xleftarrow{\text{comp}} & \\
 \mathcal{D}_0 & \xrightarrow{\text{id}} & \mathcal{D}_1 & \xleftarrow{\text{comp}} & \mathcal{D}_1 \times_{\mathcal{D}_0} \mathcal{D}_1 \\
 & \xleftarrow{\text{cod}} & & & 
 \end{array}$$

- For a category  $\mathcal{C}$ , there is a double category  $\mathcal{S}q(\mathcal{C})$  with cells:



# TWO IMPORTANT PROPERTIES

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- ID is **right-connected** if  $\text{cod} \dashv \text{id}$ .

$$\begin{array}{ccccc}
 A & \xrightarrow{h} & C & \xrightarrow{\bar{g}} & D \\
 f \downarrow & \theta & g \downarrow & \rho_g & \downarrow 1_D \\
 B & \xrightarrow{k} & D & \xrightarrow{1_D} & D
 \end{array}$$

=

$$\begin{array}{ccccc}
 A & \xrightarrow{\bar{f}} & B & \xrightarrow{k} & D \\
 f \downarrow & \rho_f & \downarrow 1_B & 1_k & \downarrow 1_D \\
 B & \xrightarrow{1_B} & B & \xrightarrow{k} & D
 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 ID & \xrightarrow{u} & Sq(\mathcal{D}_0) \\
 A \xrightarrow{h} C & & A \xrightarrow{h} C \\
 f \downarrow \theta \downarrow g & \mapsto & \bar{f} \downarrow c \downarrow \bar{g} \\
 B \xrightarrow{k} D & & B \xrightarrow{k} D
 \end{array}$$

- A right-connected double cat.

ID is **monadic** if

$$\mathcal{D}_1 \xrightarrow{u_1} Sq(\mathcal{D}_0)$$

is strictly monadic.

# AWFS & DOUBLE CATEGORIES

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AWFS



Double cats.

horizontal arrows =  
all morphisms

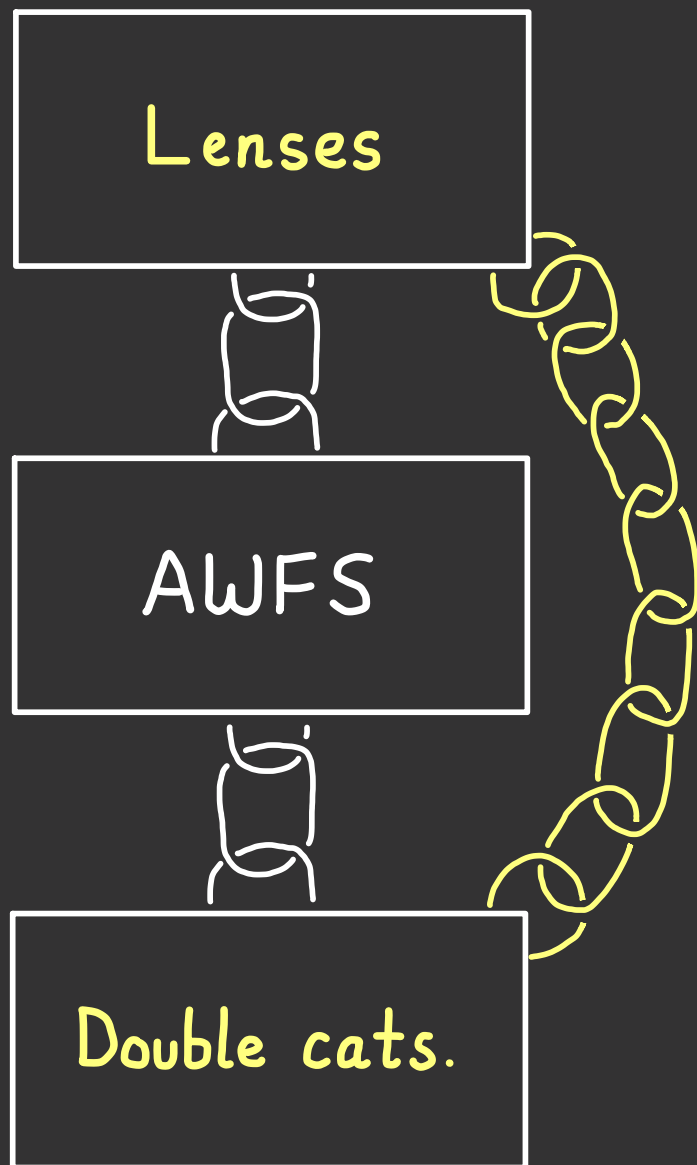
$$\begin{array}{ccc} A & \xrightarrow{h} & C \\ (f,p) \downarrow & & \downarrow (g,q) \\ B & \xrightarrow{k} & D \end{array}$$

vertical arrows =  
R-algebras

- BIG IDEA: Each AWFS yields a double category of algebras  $R\text{-Alg}$ .
- Each monadic right-connected double category yields an AWFS.

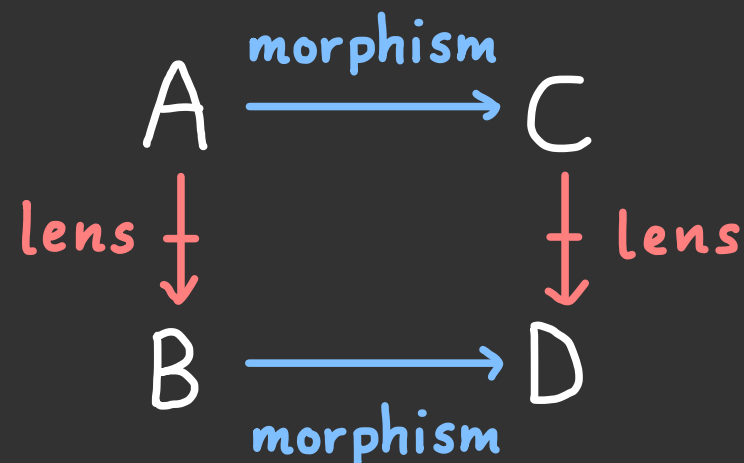
# ANOTHER APPROACH TO LENSES?

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Is there a  
direct link?

- For each kind of lens, there is a double category with cells:



- What if the backwards component was an independent morphism rather than algebraic structure?

# THE RIGHT-CONNECTED COMPLETION

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The **right-connected completion**  $\Pi^r(\mathbb{D})$  of a double category  $\mathbb{D}$  has:

- the same objects and horizontal morphisms as  $\mathbb{D}$ ;
- vertical morphisms  $(f, \alpha, f'): A \rightarrowtail B$  given by cells in  $\mathbb{D}$  of the form:

$$\text{"lens"} \rightsquigarrow \begin{array}{ccc} A & \xrightarrow{f'} & B \\ f \downarrow & \alpha & \downarrow 1_B \\ B & \xrightarrow{1_B} & B \end{array}$$

- cells given by cells  $\Theta$  in  $\mathbb{D}$  satisfying the condition:

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} A & \xrightarrow{h} & C & \xrightarrow{g'} & D \\ f \downarrow & \Theta & g \downarrow & \beta & \downarrow 1_D \\ B & \xrightarrow{k} & D & \xrightarrow{1_D} & D \end{array} = \begin{array}{ccccccc} A & \xrightarrow{f'} & B & \xrightarrow{k} & D \\ f \downarrow & \alpha & \downarrow 1_B & 1_k & \downarrow 1_D \\ B & \xrightarrow{1_B} & B & \xrightarrow{k} & D \end{array}$$

# THE RIGHT-CONNECTED COMPLETION

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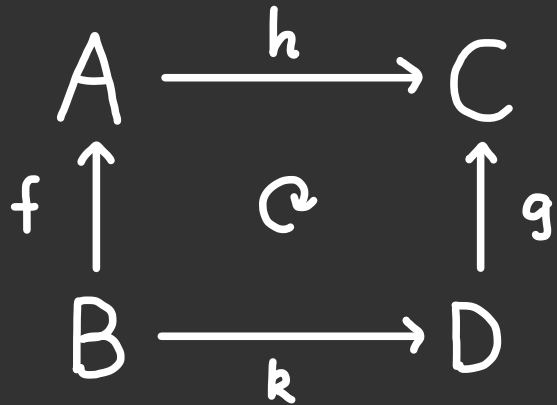
- **Composition** of vertical morphisms in  $\mathbb{I}\Gamma(\mathbb{I}\mathbb{D})$  is defined using the composition of cells in  $\mathbb{I}\mathbb{D}$ :

$$\begin{array}{c}
 A \\
 \downarrow (f, \alpha, f') \\
 B \\
 \downarrow (g, \beta, g') \\
 C
 \end{array}
 \rightsquigarrow
 \begin{array}{ccccc}
 A & \xrightarrow{f'} & B & \xrightarrow{g'} & C \\
 \downarrow f & & \downarrow 1_B & \downarrow 1_{g'} & \downarrow 1_C \\
 B & \xrightarrow{1_B} & B & \xrightarrow{g'} & C \\
 \downarrow g & & \downarrow g & \downarrow \beta & \downarrow 1_C \\
 C & \xrightarrow{1_C} & C & \xrightarrow{1_C} & C
 \end{array}$$

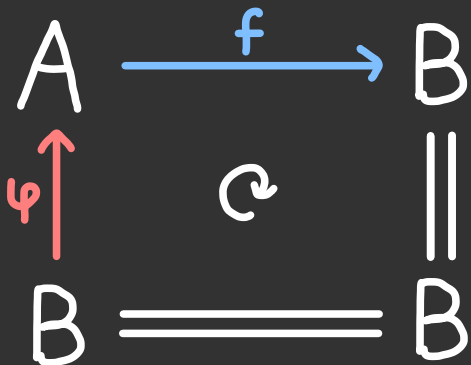
# EXAMPLES

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- Let  $\mathcal{S}_q(\mathcal{C})^\vee$  be the vertical opposite of the double category of squares.

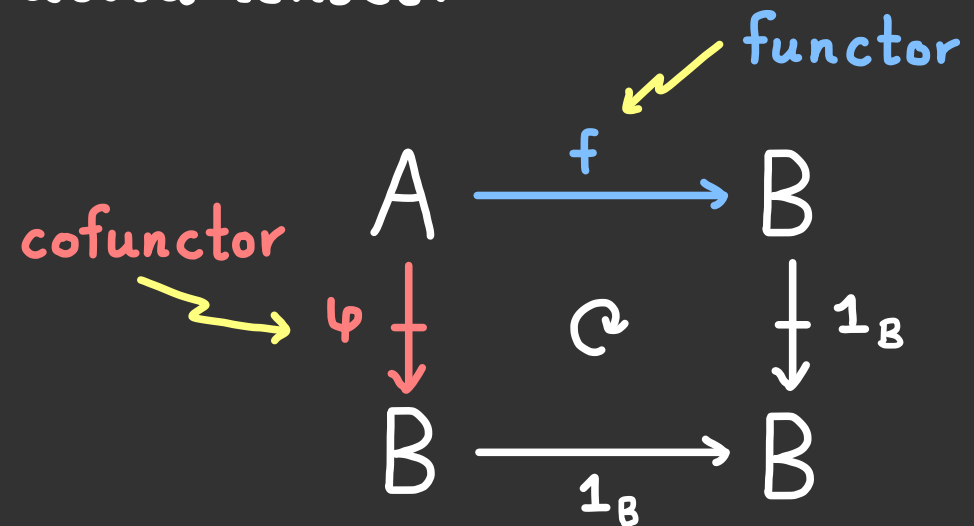


Then  $\mathbb{I}\Gamma(\mathcal{S}_q(\mathcal{C})^\vee)$  is  $\mathcal{S}_p\text{Epi}(\mathcal{C})$ .



- Let  $\mathcal{C}\text{of}$  be the double category of categories, functors, cofunctors, and compatible squares.

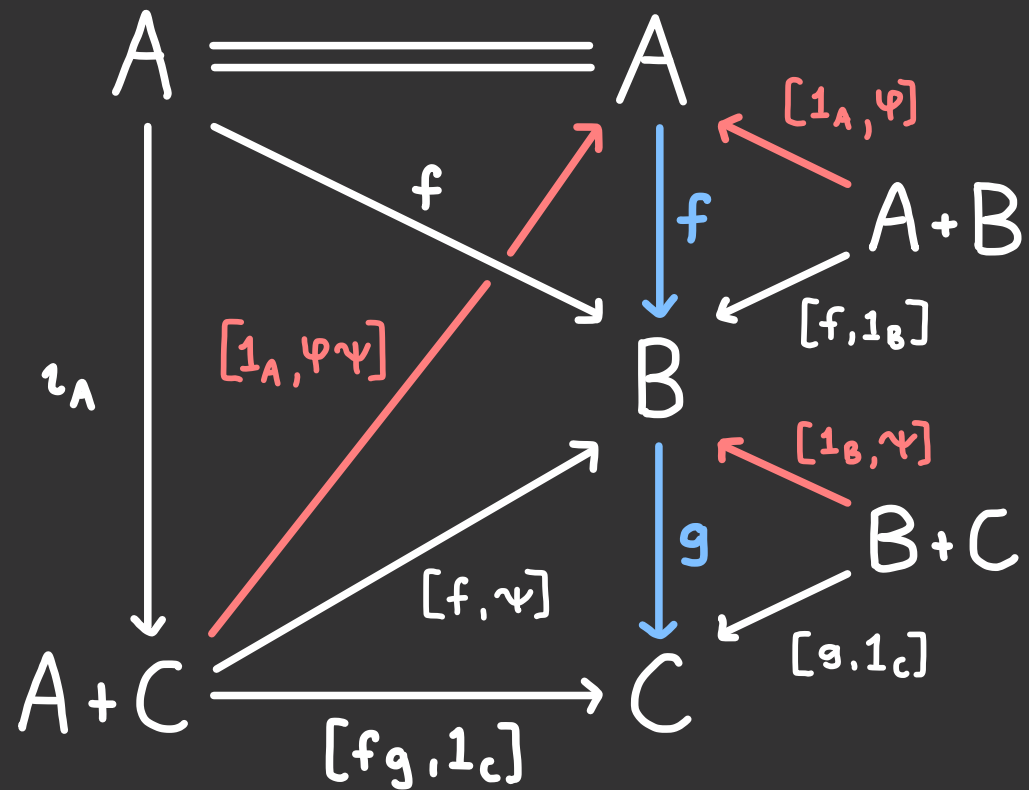
Vertical morphisms in  $\mathbb{I}\Gamma(\mathcal{C}\text{of})$  are delta lenses.



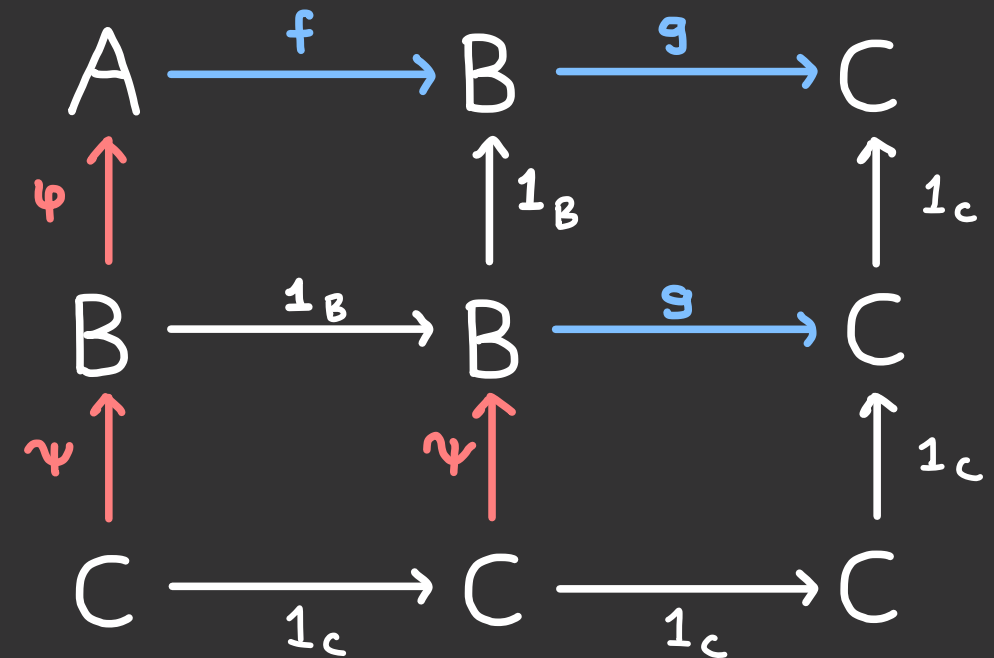
# COMPARING COMPOSITION

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- Split epimorphisms as R-algebras for an **AWFS**:



- Split epimorphisms as vertical morphisms in  $\mathbf{I}\Gamma(\mathcal{S}_q(C)^\vee)$ :



# COMONADICITY

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- There is a double functor

$$\Gamma(\mathbb{I}\mathbb{D}) \xrightarrow{V} \mathbb{I}\mathbb{D}$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} A \xrightarrow{h} C & & A \xrightarrow{h} C \\ (f, \alpha, f') \downarrow \theta \downarrow (g, \beta, g') & \longmapsto & f \downarrow \theta \downarrow g \\ B \xrightarrow{k} D & & B \xrightarrow{k} D \end{array}$$

with underlying functor:

$$\Gamma(\mathbb{I}\mathbb{D})_1 \xrightarrow{V_1} \mathbb{D}_1$$

When is it **comonadic**?

- $V_1$  is **comonadic**  $\Leftrightarrow$  each fibre  $\text{cod}^{-1}\{B\}$  admits products with the vertical identity  $1_B: B \rightarrowtail B$ .

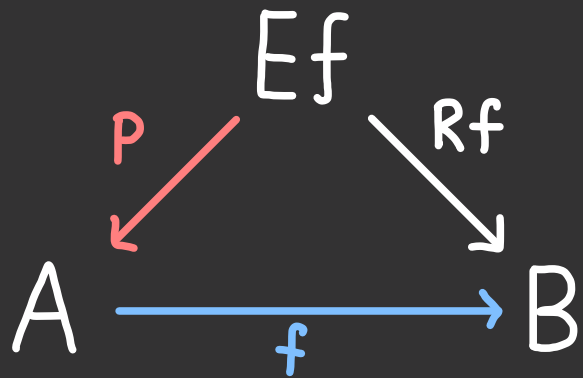
- The functor  $V_1: \text{SpEpi}(\mathcal{C}) \rightarrow \text{Sq}(\mathcal{C})^v$  is comonadic if  $\mathcal{C}$  has products.

$$\begin{array}{ccc} A & & A \times B \\ f \uparrow & \rightsquigarrow & \begin{array}{c} \langle f, 1_B \rangle \uparrow \downarrow \pi_B \\ B \end{array} \end{array}$$

# WHEN DO THESE APPROACHES AGREE?

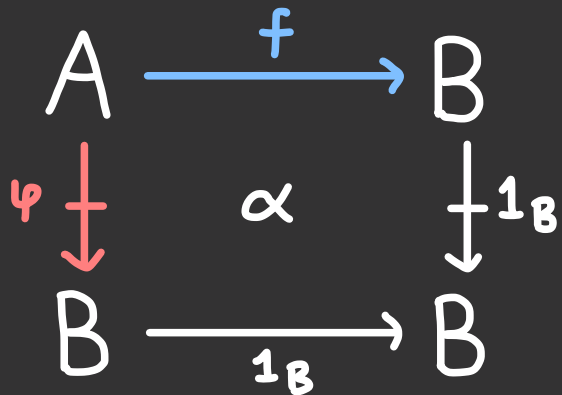
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## INFORMALLY



morphisms  
equipped with  
algebraic structure

↑  
???



horizontal  
morphisms  
equipped with  
vertical morphisms  
(coalgebraically)

## FORMALLY

$$\Gamma(\text{ID})_1 \xrightarrow{\text{monadic?}} \text{Sq}(\mathcal{D}_0)$$

- What conditions to ask of  $\text{ID}$ ?
- SUFFICIENT (for left adjoint):
  - $\text{dom}: \mathcal{D}_1 \rightarrow \mathcal{D}_0$  has a lari.
  - $\text{cod}: \mathcal{D}_1 \rightarrow \mathcal{D}_0$  is an opfibration
- Examples include split epimorphisms and delta lenses. Are there others?

# FUTURE DIRECTIONS

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- Are all lenses satisfying "laws" the right class of an AWFS?
- What are further interesting examples of  $\mathbb{I}\Gamma(\text{ID})$ ?
- Interaction with companions in ID:

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 & \mathbb{I}\Gamma(\text{ID}) & \\
 u \swarrow & \text{globular} \Rightarrow & \searrow v \\
 \mathbb{S}q(\mathbb{D}_o) & \xrightarrow{(-)_*} & \text{ID}
 \end{array}$$

- How can we expand this picture to include other double categories of "lawless" lenses and optics?

$$A^- \xleftarrow{f^\#} A^+ \times B^-$$

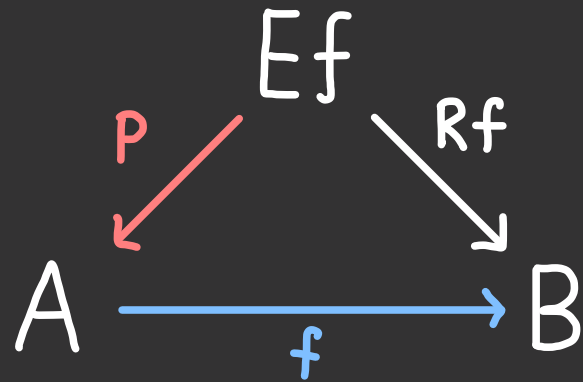
$$A^+ \xrightarrow{f} B^+$$

- For which  $\mathbb{C}$  does a monadic right-connected ID embed fully faithfully into  $\mathbb{I}\Gamma(\mathbb{C})$ ? e.g.  $\mathbb{S}pOpf \hookrightarrow \mathbb{I}\Gamma(\mathbb{C}of)$ .

# SUMMARY OF THE TALK

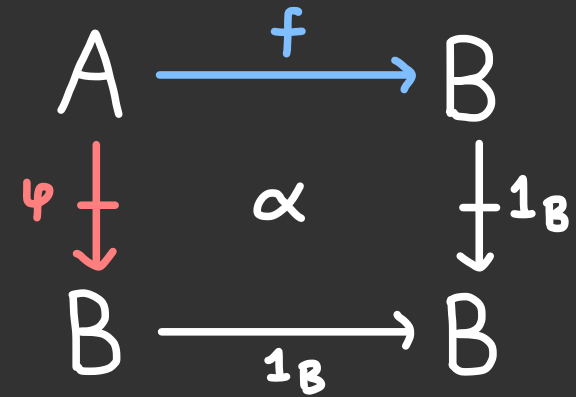
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## INDIRECT APPROACH



- **Lenses** are morphisms equipped with an  **$R$ -algebra structure** from an **AWFS**.
- **PROS**: Nice properties, captures lifting.

## DIRECT APPROACH



- **Lenses** are **horizontal morphisms** equipped with a **vertical morphism** via a cell in a **double category**.
- **PROS**: Easy composition, very general.

# VIRTUAL DOUBLE CATEGORIES WORKSHOP

28 November to 2 December 2022

Held virtually on Zoom

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